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18 August 1988

The Honorable David L. Boren  
Chairman  
Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 21510-6475

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of August 12th commenting on the work of your audit team and your desire to ensure full Executive Branch accountability.

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As you will recall, from the outset I have supported creation of audit capability in the two intelligence committees. I believe we agree that security and thus the value of much of our intelligence work is best protected through this mechanism. You can count on my continued cooperation in your efforts to develop the most effective way to approach your oversight responsibilities.

As you know, I have reorganized the Office of Inspector General with the expectation that this will produce a stronger audit capability within the Agency. As your confidence grows in the integrity of our internal work product, including our follow-up audits, it seems likely that the Committee's audit unit will be able to concentrate on specific problem areas as we have discussed in the past.

I look forward to a good personal session with you both when you return after Labor Day when we can discuss this and other matters that have come up since we last met.

Sincerely,

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

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NOTE FOR: DCI

Re your attached draft response to Boren/Cohen, I would take out the last sentence in the 3rd paragraph and substitute the following:

 "I look forward to a good personal session with you both when you return after Labor Day when we can discuss this and other matters that have come up since we last met."

  
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August 12, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

As a result of the formation of the audit team early this year, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) has performed much important work that was not previously possible. We believe the results produced thus far have greatly benefited both the Committee and the Intelligence Community.

The formation of an internal audit unit was in part stimulated by legislation introduced by Senator Glenn intended to provide the General Accounting Office with the ability to audit CIA activities. The creation of our own auditing capability was thought by the Committee to represent a sound interim step toward ensuring that such activities are properly reviewed. While we are greatly encouraged by the results to date, it is not yet clear whether this group will be able to conduct all of the oversight necessary to ensure full Executive branch accountability.

Accordingly, when the Senate reconvenes, it would be our desire to re-evaluate the most effective way to approach such oversight, and to review all possible options, including Senator Glenn's proposal to provide GAO access to CIA activities. If necessary, hearings will be scheduled at the appropriate time. The Committee believes that this type of oversight is productive and useful and should continue either in its present or altered form. We look forward to your continued assistance in this process.

We will keep you informed as plans in this area develop.

Sincerely,



David L. Boren  
Chairman



William S. Cohen  
Vice-Chairman



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